

Air Testing Set Near Pilsen, Little Village Coal Plants

Fisk Station and Crawford Station Sites

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To keep the community better informed, EPA is working with:

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The Fisk Station as seen from a street in the Pilsen neighborhood.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will be conducting air monitoring and radiation screening around Midwest Generation's Fisk Station and Crawford Station sites in December.

The EPA will monitor the air around the facilities and check for radiation in residential areas near the sites. This will help the EPA address concerns about human health and the environment in southwest Chicago's Pilsen and Little Village communities.

EPA will attempt to monitor the air on both windy days and calm days. This is expected to show how weather and site activity may affect dust levels. The air monitoring will only measure how much dust is around the perimeter of the sites. It will not show what is in the dust. If EPA finds a significant amount of dust is leaving the site, the Agency may do more tests to find out what is in the dust.

The radiation screening in residential areas near the two stations is in response to community concerns that radiation levels may be higher than what would normally be expected. The Pilsen and Little Village screenings will be compared to background readings of radiation from other Chicago residential areas. Unlike the air monitoring, the radiation screening will be done only once.

Follow-up steps

Both the air monitoring and the radiation screening should be completed before the end of December. EPA will review the results and share them with the communities.

EPA staff is working closely with community organizations to keep people informed and to address their concerns. The Agency will also provide information on any further studies that may need to be done at or near the sites.

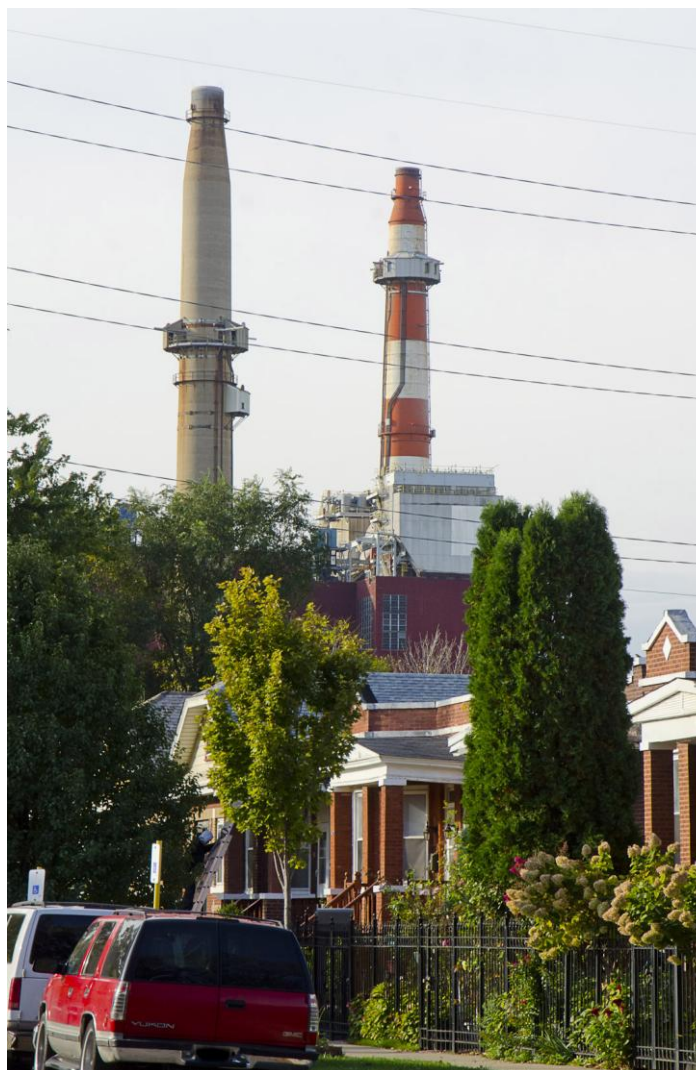
EPA is coordinating on this project with representatives from the Chicago Department of Public Health, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Illinois Department of Public Health and the federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Site background

Both the Fisk and Crawford stations operated as coal-fired electric power generating stations until they shut down in August. They are owned by Midwest Generation, a subsidiary of Edison International.

The 60-acre Fisk Station is at 1111 W. Cermak Road. The site is bordered by West Cermak Road to the north, Morgan Street to the east, the Chicago River to the south and South Throop Street commercial properties to the west.

The 72-acre Crawford Station is at 3501 S. Pulaski Road. The site is bordered by railroad tracks to the north, South Hamlin Avenue to the east, the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal to the south and South Pulaski Road to the west.



The Crawford Station as seen from a street in Little Village.